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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, DR
SUBJECT: LEFTIST INROADS IN LABOR UNIONS

REF : SD A-114, OCT 9, 1974

1. EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY FALCONBRIDGE OFFICIALS THAT MOVIMIENTO POPULAR DOMINICANO (MPD)-LED CENTRAL GENERAL DE TRABAJADORES (CGT) HAS BEEN MAKING RAPID INROADS AMONG LEADERSHIP OF FALCONBRIDGE WORKERS' UNION. ACCORDING TO FALCONBRIDGE SOURCES, FIVE MEMBERS OF 11-MAN UNION DIRECTORATE ARE MPD MEMBERS OR SYMPATHIZERS. OTHER SIX MEMBERS ARE UNDER INFLUENCE OF THESE FIVE EXTREME LEFT LEADERS. MOREOVER, FALCONBRIDGE WORKERS' COOPERATIVE, WHICH HAS BEEN STALWARD DEFENDER OF NON-POLITICAL BUT ACTIVE UNIONISM, HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY MPD SUPPORTERS. FALCONBRIDGE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT SITUATION MAY BE "COMING TO A HEAD" AND CONSIDER IT LIKELY COMPANY WILL HAVE TO TAKE STEPS (PREFERABLY THROUGH SECRETARY OF LABOR) AGAINST EXTREME LEFTIST LABOR LEADERS WITHIN NEXT WEEK. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, IT WOULD BE HEADLINE NEWS IN SANTO DOMINGO AS MPD HAS NUMEROUS CONTACTS AMONG AFTERNOON SENSATIONALIST PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION REPORTERS.

2. CGT-MPD ACTIVITIES AT FALCONBRIDGE MESH WITH EXTREME LEFTIST PLANS TO ORGANIZE LABOR UNION MOVEMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. CGT-MPD HAS ALSO MADE INROADS INTO THE LEADERSHIP OF TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DOMINICAN ELECTRIC
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LARGEST TAXI DRIVERS' UNION IN SANTO DOMINGO.

3. GODR IS AWARE OF INCREASING MPD STRENGTH IN LABOR MOVEMENT AND HAS GIVEN INDICATIONS THAT IT WILL SOON MOVE AGAINST EXTREMIST UNIONS. IN ANY CASE, LABOR UNREST IS LIKELY TO BECOME AN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR GODR IN NEXT FEW MONTHS.
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